

# Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree:

The Associate of Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or a related major in the California State University (CSU) system. It is accepted by some but not all CSU campuses. Students who complete this degree and transfer to a participating CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. It may not be appropriate preparation for students transferring to a CSU campus that does not accept the degree. Students who plan to complete this degree should consult a counselor for additional information about participating CSU campuses as well as university admission, degree and transfer requirements.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education option is most appropriate for their individual educational goals.

## Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Communication Studies program the student should be able to:

- Evaluate the speaker's backgrounds, motives and attitudes.
- Analyze the audience's backgrounds, motives and attitudes.
- Design effective communication in order to facilitate understanding and cooperation.
- Develop effective verbal and presentational skills for a variety of communication situations.
- Research, organize, and present a developed viewpoint.

**Note:** Students intending to transfer to a CSU should consult a counselor and visit [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for guidance on appropriate transfer coursework.

Courses Required for the major	Units
COMS 103 Oral Communication*	3

## Select two of the following courses:

COMS 160 Argumentation*	3
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COMS 135 Interpersonal Communication*	3
COMS 170 Small Group Communication*	3

**Select two of the following courses (not selected above) to meet the lower division preparation for the major to your transfer university:**

JOUR 202 Introduction to Mass Communication*	3
JOUR 210A Newspaper Production 1 (3 unit option only)	3
MATH 119 Elementary Statistics* <b>or</b>	
PSYC 258 Behavioral Science Statistics*	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology*	3
COMS 101 Voice and Articulation	3
COMS 104 Advanced Public Communication	3
COMS 111 Oral Interpretation	3
COMS 135 Interpersonal Communication*	3
COMS 160 Argumentation*	3
COMS 170 Small Group Communication*	3
COMS 180 Intercultural Communication*	3

**If needed to total 18 units, select one of the following courses (not selected above) to meet the lower division preparation for the major to your transfer university:**

ANTH 102 Introduction to Physical Anthropology*	3
ANTH 103 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*	3
ENGL 101 Reading and Composition* <b>or</b>	
ENGL 105 Composition and Literature* <b>or</b>	
ENGL 205 Critical Thinking*	3
ENGL 210 American Literature I*	3
ENGL 211 American Literature II*	3
ENGL 215 English Literature I: 800–1799*	3
ENGL 216 English Literature II: 1800–Present*	3
FREN 201 Third Course in French*	5
GEOL 100 Physical Geology*	3
GEOL 101 Physical Geology Laboratory*	1
GERM 201 Third Course in German*	5
HIST 105 Introduction to Western Civilization I*	3
HIST 106 Introduction to Western Civilization II*	3
JOUR 200 Introduction to Newswriting and Reporting	3
JOUR 201 Advanced Newswriting and Reporting	3
JOUR 202 Introduction to Mass Communication*	3
JOUR 210A Newspaper Production 1 (3 unit option only)	3
MATH 119 Elementary Statistics* <b>or</b>	
PSYC 258 Behavioral Science Statistics*	3
PHIL 205 Contemporary Philosophy*	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology*	3
SOCO 101 Principles of Sociology*	3
SPAN 201 Third Course in Spanish*	5
COMS 101 Voice and Articulation	3

COMS 104	Advanced Public Communication	3
COMS 111	Oral Interpretation	3
COMS 135	Interpersonal Communication*	3
COMS 160	Argumentation*	3
COMS 170	Small Group Communication*	3
COMS 180	Intercultural Communication*	3

**Total Units = 18–21**

\*Course also fulfills general education requirements for the CSU GE or IGETC pattern.

**General Education:** In addition to the courses listed above, students must complete one of the following general education options:

- The IGETC pattern is accepted by all CSU campuses and most UC campuses and majors. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out of state universities.
- The CSU GE pattern is accepted by all CSU campuses and some private/independent or out of state universities. It is not accepted by the UC system.

**Electives as needed to meet maximum of 60 CSU-transferable units required for the degree.**